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OF THE

NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL

SESSION

OF THE

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

OF REGULAR BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

Oak Level Church

Wilkes County

September 30-October 2, 1960

R. F. HARROLD, Moderator ..... Hays, N. C.

CHARLIE MILES, Sec.-Treas. ..... Elkin, N. C.

The next session will convene with Austin Church, at Austin, N. C., to commence on Friday at 11:00 A.M., before the first Sunday in October, 1961. Elder Ivan Dameron to preach the introductory sermon. Elder John I. Billings, Alternate.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Barker, M. F. ..... Rt. 1, Roaring River, N. C.

Barker, B. H. ..... Rt. 1, Roaring River, N. C.

Barker, Olin ..... Rt., Roaring River, N. C.

Billings, John I. ..... Hays, N. C.

Caudill, Boyd ..... Rt. 1, Traphill, N. C.

Cox, R. A. ..... Jonesville, N. C.

Dameron, Ivan ..... Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Dillard, M. C. ..... Hays, N. C.

Harrold, J. C. ..... Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Harrold, R. F. ..... Hays, N. C.

Harrold, Ranzy ..... Hays, N. C.

Hanks, McKinley ..... Hays, N. C.

Hicks, W. E., Jr. .....

Miles, Charlie ..... 109 Rosedale Drive, Elkin, N. C.

Norman, Spencer ..... Thurmond, N. C.

Sidden, A. C. ..... Rt. 1, Traphill, N. C.

Taylor, George ..... Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Byrd, Elton ..... Dobson, N. C.

Harrold, John A. ..... Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Wood, Kenneth ..... State Road, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS
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NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
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PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
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REGULAR BAPTISTS

Convened with Oak Level Baptist Church, September 30, October 1 and 2, 1960.

Song service, 20 minutes, led by Brother Sherman Roupe.

Service introduced by Elder Don K. Smith, correspondent from The Union Association, by reading 2nd. Timothy 4:1-8, and offering prayer.

In the absence of both Elder W. E. Hicks, Jr. and Elder Ranzy Harrold the Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder B. H. Barker; text, James 1:27, "Pure and undefiled religion."

Remarks by Elder A. C. Sidden.

30 minutes intermission.

Delegates re-assembled.

Song service 20 minutes.

Service introduced by Elder Arthur Gambill, reading Revelation 22:1-7.

Called for Associational Letters. 15 were handed in and read by the Clerk.

On motion invited newly constituted or any Regular Baptist Church of same faith and order: none came.

On motion elect Elder R. F. Harrold, Moderator and Elder Charlie Miles, Clerk and Brother F. A. Royal Assistant Clerk; motion carried.

On motion invite correspondents of same faith and order. A letter from the Union Association of Alleghany County, N. C., was handed in and the following seated: Elder Don K. Smith. Brethren F. M. Joines, Carl Andrews, Major Joines, Carey Brown, Will Miles, Dean Pruitt, Robert Sparks.

On motion receive the letter and seat the brethren.

On motion invite Transients and Visitors of same faith and order Elders Arthur Gambill, D. O. Cleary, Spencer Norman, R. A. Cox, B. H. Barker, Harvey Mathis; Sisters Mae Miles, Bessie Sparks, Mrs Carl Andrews, Mrs. Carey Brown, Mrs. Dean Pruitt, Mrs. Major Joines, were seated.

On motion empower the Moderator to make all temporary appointments this session, the following were appointed:

Ministry: J. S. Roupe, J. N. Royal, Alton Carter.

Finance: Ralph Brown, Glenn Wood, M. C. Brown.

Arrangements: Maynard Norman, J. H. Stamper, T. A. Miles, Curtis Johnson, Walter McBride.

On motion, Moderator Clerk and Correspondents be invited to sit with this committee.

Obituaries: R. M. Wyatt, Barney Teague, Mack Holbrook.

Temperance: Quentin Hawkins, C. C. Sidden, Carl Wood.

Resolutions: Tracy Shumate, G. M. Royal, Carlo Brown.

Time, Place and Preacher: Martin Harrold, Robert Barker, M. A. Blackburn.

To write Corresponding Letter: Brother F. A. Royal.

Committee on Ministry report: For tonight, 7:00 p. m. 1st. Elder Boyd Caudill, 2nd. Elder R. A. Cox, 3rd. Elder M. F. Barker. Saturday evening: 1st. Elder J. I. Billings, 2nd. Elder M. C. Dillard, 3rd. Elder A. C. Sidden.

On motion adojurn until 10:00 a. m. tomorrow.

Closed by Elder A. C. Sidden reading 2nd. Corinthians 6:1-12 and offering prayer.

Benediction by Elder John I. Billings.

FRIDAY NIGHT, 7:00 P. M.

Song service, 20 minutes.

Service introduced by Elder Boyd Caudill reading Romans 13:11-14 and making short exortation. Prayer by Elder Olin Barker.

2nd. Elder R. A. Cox, text: St. John 13:34. "A new commandment I give unto you. That you love one another as I have loved you."

3rd. Elder M. F. Barker, text: St. Luke 23:46. "And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, He said, Father into thy hands I commend my Spirit."

Song and handshake.

Benediction by Elder Earl Baker.

SATURDAY, 10:00 A. M.

Song service, 20 minutes.

Service introduced by Elder C. E. Adams, reading St. John 10:1-13. Prayer by Elder Gwyn Lundy.

Association called to order by the Moderator.

Called for report of Committee on Arrangements. On motion receive the report and take up items as they appear thereon.

1. Called roll.

2. Read minutes of yesterday. On motion receive same.

3. Extended an invitation to Newly Constituted Churches or any Regular Baptist Church of same faith and order. None came.

4. Extended an invitation to Correspondents of same faith and order; Elders Gwyn Lundy, C. E. Adams, J. R. Miles, H. F. Royal; Brethren Paul Andrews, Grover Cox, Arthur Fortner, and Jimmie Joines came forward and were seated.

5. Extended an invitation to Transients and Visitors of same faith and order, Elder George Taylor; Brethren Floyd Halsey, Guy Scott,

Harrold Royal, S. M. Scott; Sisters Iva Fortner, Mrs. Grover Cox, Mrs. Paul Andrews came forward and were welcomed.

6. On motion elect the Clerk, Treasurer, instruct him to have 1,000 minutes printed and have $30.00 for his services.

7. Called on Committee on Temperance to report. They reported.

We your Committee on Temperance submit for your consideration the following:

Temperance is moderation in regard to the indulgence of the natural appetites and passions. Intemperance brings about its own punishment. Under the law Covenant the drunkard and the glutton were to be stoned to death. Deut. 21:21, "For the drunkard and glutton shall come to poverty" Proverbs 23:21. This is punishment that comes in this life and inevitably comes to all who violate the laws of nature, which are the laws of God the Creator. In the New Testament drunkenness classified with adultery, idolatry, thieves and covetous and it is declared they shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. 1st. Cor. 6:9-10. Therefore we urge our preachers to preach temperance, our people to practice temperance and where possible to persuade others to do so, knowing that it conduces to healthier, happier lives in this world and is a requirement to get into the Kingdom of God.

QUENTIN HAWKINS,
C. C. SIDDEN,
CARL WOOD, Committee.

8. Called on Committee on Obituaries to report, they report 10 with two pictures, $10.00 paid. Two pictures of Ministers. On motion report received and Obituaries ordered printed.

On motion all pictures of deaceased ministers, will be printed at the request of their families, at the expense of the Association. Motion carried.

9. Called on Committee on Resolutions to report. They report:

We the Committee on Resolutions submit the following:

We thank Almighty God for His many blessings during the past year, and ask for a continuation of the same.

We ask our churches to encourage their preachers to their regular attendance and what financial help they need to help carry the Gospel.

May we study God's word more in our homes and spend more time in prayer.

We sincerely thank the people of this community for their kindness and hospitality during this association.

May we always live in peace and fellowship and work for the Kingdom of God.

TRACY SHUMATE,
CARLO BROWN,
GEORGE ROYALL, Committee.

Report received.

10. Called on Committee on Ministry to report. They report:

For Friday night 7:00: 1st. Elder Boyd Caudill, 2nd. Elder R. A. Cox, 3rd. Elder M. F. Barker.

For Saturday 1:30; 1st. Elder J. I. Billings, 2nd. Elder M. C. Dillard, 3rd. Elder A. C. Sidden.

For Saturday 7:00 p. m.: 1st. Elder Olin Barker, 2nd. Elder Charlie Miles, 3rd. Elder A. C. Wooten.

For Sunday 10:00 a. m.: 1st. Elder Raymond Miles, 2nd. Elder Don K. Smith, 3rd. R. F. Harrold.

J. S. ROUPE,
J. N. ROYAL,
ALTON B. CARTER, Committee.

Report received

11. Called for Corresponding Letter and appointed Correspondents.

Corresponding Letter 1960:

To The Union Baptist Association Greeting:

We, The Primitive Baptist Association, now in session with Oak Level Church, Wilkes County, N. C., having so enjoyed the Christian love and fellowship of your brethren, and we believe that their presence has strengthened us by our correspondence, with your body, have chosen the following brethren to bear this letter to you:

Elders A. C. Sidden R. F. Harrold, Charlie Miles, M. F. Barker, R. A. Cox, and Spencer Norman; Brethren G. M. Royal, C. C. Sidden, J. N. Royal, B. F. Norman, Kenneth Wood and F. A. Royal.

We hope that their presence with you will strengthen you and prove a blessing to you.

May love and fellowship always abound between us. Love, peace and fellowship seems to abound in our association, and we hope that it is yours also.

May God's richest blessings be upon you is our prayer.

F. A. ROYAL, Committee.

Report received.

12. Called on Correspondents of last year to report.

Elders R. F. Harrold, Charlie Miles, Spencer Norman, R. A. Cox; Brethren G. M. Royall, J. N. Royal, F. A. Royal, B. F. Norman, Ira Billings, Maynard Norman, Leo Golden and Kenneth Wood, report having attended and found the brethren in peace and love, they were welcomed and expressed a desire to go again.

On motion receive their report and excuse those who failed.

13. Called on Committee on Finance to report. They report received from the churches, $193.80.

Report received.

14. Called on Committee on Time, Place and Preacher to report. They report:

We the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher, report the next

session will convene with Austin Church, to commence on Friday at 11 a. m. before the first Sunday in October, 1961.

Elder Ivan Dameron to preach the introductory sermon; Elder J. I. Billings, Alternate.

M. A. BLACKBURN,
MARTIN HARROLD,
ROBERT BARKER, Committee.

Report received.

15. Called on Treasurer of last year to report. He reports:

Balance from 1958	None
Received from the churches 1959	$176.81
Received from three pictures	15.00
Received from 1959 collection	31.07
Total	$222.88
Paid for printing minutes	$174.00
Clerks fees	30.00
Total	$204.00
Balance due the Association	$ 18.88

CHARLIE MILES, Treasurer, 1959

Report received.

16. On motion dispense with reading minutes of today.

17. On motion print history of Association in this year's minutes through 1960.

18. On motion adjourn until time and place of next session

Closing prayer by Elder H. F. Royal.

Benediction by Elder Charlie Miles.

ELDER R. F. HARROLD, Moderator.
ELDER CHARLIE MILES, Clerk

SATURDAY 1:30 P. M.

Song service 20 minutes.

1st. Elder John I. Billings, read 1st. Corinthians, 2:1-16. Prayer by Elder J. R. Miles.

2nd. Elder M. C. Dillard, Text, 1st. Corinthians, 15:58. Therefore my beloved brethren be ye steadfast, unmovable.

3rd. Elder A. C. Sidden, Text, 1st. Samuel 8:5. "Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations."

Song and handshake.

Benediction by Elder Gwyn Lundy.

SATURDAY NIGHT 7:00

Song service 30 minutes by Oak Level choir.

1st. Elder Olin Barker, read 1st. Corinthians 2:1-16. Prayer by Elder B. H. Barker.

2nd. Elder Charlie Miles, Text, Matthew 26:39. "And He went a little farther."

3rd. Elder A. C. Wooten, St. John 3:8. "The wind bloweth where it listeth."

Song and handshake.

Benediction by Elder Ray Andrews.

SUNDAY, 10:00 A. M.

Song service 30 minutes.

1st. Elder Raymond Miles, read 2nd. Timothy 4:1-8. Exhortation. Prayer by Brother Kenneth Wood.

2nd. Elder H. F. Royal, Text, Romans 8:28. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God."

3rd. Elder R. F. Harrold, Text, Isiah 9:6. "For unto us a child is born." St. Luke 2:7. "Because there was no room for them in the inn."

Singing a number of songs, while taking the parting hand, shouts of joy was heard from many, who were made to rejoice, thus closing another session of the Association in peace and love.

Benediction by Elder Charlie Miles.

ROLL OF DELEGATES

Austin: Elder Ivan Dameron, Ralph Brown, Elder Boyd Caudill, B. C. Speaks, Watson Durham.

Bethany: M. A. Blackburn, Glenn Wood, M. E. Wiles.

Double Creek: Ella Johnson, R. M. Wyatt.

Garden Creek: M. C. Brown, Nora W. Gilliam.

Liberty Knob: J. N. Royal, G. M. Royall, Kenneth Wood, Clay Royal, F. A. Royal.

Mining Ridge: Ira Billings, Paul Norman, Maynard Norman, Cabel Cox, Marvin Royal, B. F. Norman.

Mountain Valley: J. H. Stamper, Arthur Stamper, Chester Sidden, Ila Shumate.

New Covenant: T. A. Miles, Elbert Wiles, Tracy Shumate, Reid Miles, Fred Dillard.

Oak Level: Robert Barker, M. F. Barker, Alton Carter, Dillon Barker.

Rachel: Abner Caudill, Carl Wood, Carl Howard, Roger Dimmette, Curtis Johnson.

Roaring River: Walter McBride, C. C. Sidden, Lester Spicer, Elder A. C. Sidden.

Round Hill: Bland Lowe, Claude Billings, Mack Holbrook, Manley Pruitt, Arthur Holbrook.

Round Mountain: Ray Blevins, Elder M. C. Dillard, J. S. Roupe, Elder J. I. Billings, Carol Brown.

Union: Elder Charlie Miles, Dorothy Royal, Ruby Cox, Quentin Hawkins, Brett Hawkins.

Zion: Martin Harrold, Harvey Roberts, Barney Teague, Elder R. F. Harrold.

OBITUARIES

ELDER CHARLIE CURTIS BURCHAM

Elder Charlie Curtis Burcham was born to the late Grant Burcham and Alice Lyons Burcham on April 3, 1889. Died on September 23, 1960 making his stay on earth 71 years, 5 months, and 20 days.

He was married to the late Betty Tucker, January 12, 1908 and to this union was born two children, Mrs. Alma Wood of Roaring River, N. C. and Mrs. Thelma Holcomb of Boonville, Route 1. His second marriage to the late Mattie J. DeBorde, and to this union was born one child Lance Burcham of State Road, N. C. Third marriage, who survives him in death, Janie Johnson Burcham. Also surviving him are two brothers, John and Avery Burcham of Roaring River, N. C. and three sisters, Mrs. Cora Darnell of Roaring River, N. C., Mrs. Prudie Byrd of Memphis, Tenn., and Mrs. Lula McIntire of Bel Air, Md. Also 23 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

Elder Burcham joined Pleasant Home Baptist Church in August, 1902, dismissed by letter in August 1929, and joined Rachel Baptist Church 1st. Saturday in August 1929. He was ordained to the ministry July 7, 1934, after which he pastored different churches, the most recent ones being Cane Creek and Round Mountain. He was dismissed from Rachel Baptist Church by letter 1st. Saturday in August 1941, and joined Round Mountain August, 1941, where he remained a faithful member until death.

Funeral service was conducted September 25, 1960 at Round Mountain Baptist Church by Elders R. F. Harrold, Howard Royal and M. C. Dillard. His body was laid to rest in the church cemetery to wait the resurrection morn.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we love is still,
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.
GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.

DELIA ELLEN CAUDILL

Delia Ellen Caudill, daughter of the late Council Walker and Marinda Gentry Walker, was born March 28, 1879; died 1960.

Married to S. F. Caudill in 1898. He passed away six years ago.

They were not blessed with any children, but raised an adopted daughter, whom they loved.

After her husband's death, being left alone, with no one to comfort her in her troubles, she had to leave her old home and spend the rest of her life in pain and sorrow, but she kept her trust in the Lord.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined the church at Walnut Grove, later moved her membership to Double Creek Baptist Church, where she remained a member. She never attended her church meetings often, as her work kept her away. No one had a greater desire for the church and to see her neighbors live a Christian life.

Aunt Delia could talk and sing about Heaven and say she felt like her prayers were answered. And the Lord had been so good to her.

She was like the merchant ship, she brought her food from afar. She not only professed to be a Christian but proved by her many kind deeds to her neighbors that she was a child of God; also by her daily walks and Godly conversation.

Her friends and neighbors will surely miss her, as she was so good to go to see the sick and lend a helping hand when she was able.

Much more could be said and the half not be told.

She leaves nephews and nieces.

Her funeral was held at Double Creek Baptist Church, in the presence of a large crowd, by Elders L. E. Sparks and Arthur Gambill.

She lay bewildered with wonder,
  She saw her Saviour's face of love,
And over the waves of her spirit,
  Came peace, joy and love.

Her love, her dove, oh how beautiful,
  He said my peace I leave with thee,
My soul was made a shining gold,
  Just as when he gives it to me.

For several long years she has kept it,
  And love was in her heart,
Her will was the will of her Father,
  With peace and love she won't ever part.

By Florence Walker.

PLUTINY CAROLINE CASEY COX

Plutiny Caroline Casey Cox, widow of the late Joseph Lee Cox was born September 3, 1869, died November 4, 1959. Age 90 years, 2 months, 1 day.

Married to Joseph Lee Cox, March 26, 1892. To this union was born 8 children, 6 deaceased, 2 living; Hilery W. Cox and Alvin Cox, Traphill, Route 1, N. C.

Besides her two sons, she is survived by 19 grandchildren, 23 great grand children, 5 great-great-grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Sylvira Holloway, Traphill, Rt. 1, N. C.

She professed a hope in Christ and joined Roaring River Baptist Church, several years ago, later moved her membership to Union Bap-

tist Church, to become a charter member, where she was a regular attendant as long as her health permitted.

In her quiet way, her earthly stay,
Was spent in honest labor,
Good to provide, she always tried,
To be a helpful neighbor.

Her cherful smile, was well worth while,
To cheer the weary and sad,
With good advice, she was so nice,
To make troubled glad.

Her vacant seat, at church we meet,
For she has run her race,
But who will dare, to take her chair,
And fill in church her place.

Though she has left, us here bereft,
And we do not hear her voice,
On the Golden street, we yet may meet,
And evermore rejoice.

MARTHA LAVENNA JOHNSON FELTS

Martha Lavenna Johnson Felts, daughter of the late W. M. and Janie Adams Johnson, was born November 13, 1883. Died February 8, 1960. Age 76 years, 2 months, 25 days.

Married to James C. Felts February 12, 1910. To this union was born two children, Mrs. Ruby Wood and Mrs. Margie Reeves, both of Hays, N. C.

In addition to her husband and two children, she is survived by 7 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; one brother, W. C. Johnson, Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.; three sisters, Mrs. Rhoda Harrold, Hays, N. C., Mrs. C. C. Burcham, Mrs. J. I. Billings, and Miss Plutine Johnson, Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro, also two brothers preceded her in death.

She professed a hope in Christ and united with Round Mountain Church, Noverber 30, 1907, and remained a faithful member until death.

Funeral services were conducted at Round Mountain Church by the Rev. Ivan Dameron, Rev. Roy Franklin and the Rev. A. C. Sidden. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mother dear from us has gone,
Oh how lonesome is our home,
Her Saviour called her away,
In the early part of day.

No more pains will she have,
Like here on earth she did have,
No struggle for breath, no fear of death,
Will ever molest again.

Sleep on beloved, sleep and take thy rest,
Lay down thy head upon the Saviour's breast,
We love thee well, but Jesus loves you best,
We won't say farewell, but good bye for a while.

Written by Margie Reeves.

ELDER DEWEY GILMER HOLBROOK

Elder Dewey Gilmer Holbrook, son of the late W. A. and Carrie Jane Holbrook, was born in Wilkes County, N. C., July 6, 1900. Died February 11, 1960. Age 59 years.

Married to Margaret Church in 1920, who survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Mrs. James Huie of the home, his mother of Traphill; four brothers, Vestal Holbrook, Winston-Salem, N. C., Will, Clay, and Lester of Traphill, N. C.; one sister, Mrs. Mattie Hinson, Traphill, N. C.

He was a member and joint pastor of Round Hill Baptist Church.

CHARLIE FRANKLIN SIDDEN

Charlie Franklin Sidden, son of the late Fed Sidden and Huldah Sparks, was born July 29, 1878. Died December 20, 1959. Age 81 years, 4 months, 21 days. Married to Miss Emma Spicer, December, 1897. To this union was born — children. 10 living: Alverta Royal, Winston-Salem, N. C., Maude Cox, Traphill, N. C., Sarah Keithly, Washington, D. C., Ed Sidden, Traphill, N. C., Frank Sidden, Traphill, N. C., Clinton Sidden, Traphill, N. C., Walter Sidden, Traphill, N. C., Ella Smith, Traphill, N. C., Faye Tilley, High Point, N. C., Mary Warren, Traphill, N. C.

Thirty-eight grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren.

He professed a hope in Christ in early life and united with Double Creek Baptist Church, later moved his membership to Union Baptist Church, where he remained a member, and was faithful to attend even when he was hardly able.

At eighty one, his race is run,
And he has earned his rest,
All suffering passed, sweet peace at last,
With the redeemed and blest.

We again may meet, where life is sweet,
If we prepare while here,
What a glorious time, in the sunbright clime,
Away from earthly care.

Then children dear, to him so near,
Let each resolve to go,
With him to dwell, where all is well,
When we are through here below.

ADA NORMAN SNOW

Ada Norman Snow, born February 18, 1880. Died November 21, 1959. Age 79 years, 9 months, 3 days.

Married to W. R. Snow, February 7, 1904. To this union was born one child, Ester Stanley.

She is survived by her husband, her daughter, one foster son, Clifton Snow. 17 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, 2 brothers, Barney F. Norman and Fred Norman, both of State Road, N. C.; one sister, Mrs. Cora Welborn, and unnumbered friends to lament her passing, but who have no doubt regarding her future.

She professed hope in Christ in early life and united with Union Hill Regular Baptist Church, later moved her membership to Shoaly Branch, and later became a constitutional member of Mining Ridge Regular Baptist Church, where she was a faithful attendant so long as her health would permit.

Her cheerful smile, and friendly face,
That we so often have met,
Now lingers still, and always will,
Until our sun has set.

When she did rejoice, we heard her voice,
In shouts or hymns of praise,
Then through the week, she would service seek,
To walk in wisdom's ways.

Now around the throne, with those she has known,
And Angels with harps of gold,
She may sing God's praise, in endless days,
Where none will e'er grow old.

JAMES MARTIN SPICER

James Martin Spicer, was born May 6, 1878, a son of the late Frank and Matilda Cockerham Spicer. He departed this life February 3, 1960, at the age of 81 years, 8 months, and 27 days.

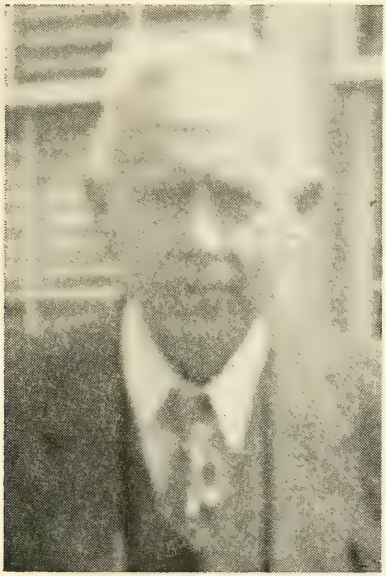
Mr. Spicer professed faith in Christ in 1903, and joined with Oak Level Baptist Church, where he was a member at the time of his passing.

He was married December 21, 1899, to Miss Carrie Elizabeth Waddell, and to this union was born fifteen children, four of whom preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Carrie E. Spicer, of the home, and the following children: Mrs. Roxie Hanes, Mrs. Ella Johnson, Mrs.

Vee Holcomb, and Mrs. Bee Blackburn, all of Thurmond; Quention, Hallan, Sam, Bonson, and Delaney Spicer, of Thurmond; Link Spicer of Elkin, Route 2, and Jack Spicer of Abington, Maryland. Forty-six grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Dora Billings, of Traphill, and one brother, Sanford Spicer, of Elkin, Rt. 2.

WILLIAM RILEY SNOW



William Riley Snow, son of the late Hillery Snow and Lucinda Caudill, was born January 12, 1877. Died March 26, 1960. Age 83 years, 2 months, 14 days.

Married to Miss Ada Norman, February, 18, 1880.

Was a constitutional member of Mining Ridge Baptist Church, where he served for about 40 years as deacon.

He is survived by one daughter, Esther Stanley, Fries, Va.; one foster son, Clifford Thompson, Leaksville, N. C.,; one half brother, Thurmond Snow, Yadkin County, N. C.; two half sisters, Rose Thompson of Canada, Mrs. Mertie Harris, Traphill, N. C.; 17 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and unnumbered friends to mourn their loss, but who confidently believe it is his eternal gain.

His stooping form, has weathered life's storm,
To pass his eighty three,
To pass all pain, sweet Heaven to gain,
With Jesus to ever be.
We all may meet, where life is sweet,
And walk the golden strands,
With never a fear, for God is near,
In the house not made with hands.

MARY ELIZABETH WOOD

Mary Elizabeth Wood was born April 9, 1881. Died April 23, 1959, age 78 years, 14 days.

Married to John Thomas Wood April 16, 1902. Unto this union were born eight children. The living are: Onley, Luther and Marler Wood, Mrs. Brady Byrd, Mrs. Theodore Blackburn, Mrs. Harvey Mathis, and Mrs. Dexter Caudill, all of North Wilkesboro, Route 2. Her husband and a son preceded her in death.

She joined Bethany Baptist Church in 1902.

She was a member of Little Mountain Baptist Church and attended church as long as her health permitted.

Often we think of you dear Mother,
And our hearts are filled with pain,
But those that meet in heaven above,
Will never part again.

More and more each day we miss her,
Friends may think the wound is healed,
But little they know the sorrow,
That lies in our hearts concealed.

God needed another angel,
To worship before his throne,
So He looked down from heaven,
And called our mother home.

Written by a daughter, Mrs. Dexter Caudill.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known by the name of Primitive Baptist Association, and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent in the Association; who on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to the seats. Each church shall be entitled to five delegates. In their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letter, by application and good recommendation, dismissed by letter, excluded, and dead since last Association.

2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have an ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in her union.

3. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular decorum.

4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Secretary, who shall be chosen annually by a majority of the votes of the members present, a majority of the churches being represented.

5. New church of any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our Faith and Order in good standing, either dismissed by letter from Sister Association, or by application and good recommendation, by sending up letter and delegates shall be admitted into the union.

6. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of its proceedings, the best method of accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

9. We think it necessary to have an association fund to defray the expense of the Association, and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer who will be accountable to the Association for the same, and the Association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

10. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

11. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

12. Amendments in this form of Government may be made at

any time, by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it expedient, by giving the churches twelve months' notice.

13. The Association shall act as advisory council and shall preserve a chain of communion among the churches and give advice in matters of difficulty.

14. The Association shall inquire into the cause if any church fails to represent at any time in the Association.

15. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this Constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

16. The Association may correspond with Sister Association and invite any brother in the ministry in good standing or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing who may be of our faith and order to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of its sitting.

17. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

18. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test to fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain the same as they may choose.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

4. He shall strictly adhere to his subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who speaks before, by making remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as clearly as he can, so as to convey his light or idea.

5. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association, without liberty obtained from the body, for his absence.

6. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the Association.

7. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in time of public speech.

8. No member of the Association shall address another by any other appellation than that of Brother.

9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member, nor prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he violates the Rules of Decorum.

10. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Secretary and called over as often as the Association requires.

11. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of

speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the casting vote.

12. Any members who shall willfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association, as shall be deemed proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and these three are One.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by Grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and are born again by the spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the Resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the rightous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinance of the Gospel, except such as the regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENT	SECRETARY	Number Teachers	Enrolled	Average Attendance	Months Kept Open
Austin	B. C. Speaks	Carol Caudill	5	89	52	12
Bethany	Glenn Wood	Marjorie Caudill	3	76	48	12
Double Creek	Bud Alexander	Kyle Johnson	3	45	17	9
Mining Ridge	Ira Billings	Lexie Lyons	3	85	70	12
New Covenant	Tracy Shumate	Margaret Wiles	6	110	73	12
Oak Level	T. D. Carter	Dicie Gentry	6	129	91	12
Rachel	Calvin Linvill	Mary E. Bryant	6	124	82	12
Roaring River	R. A. Sidden	Arlene Hicher	4	70	37	12
Round Hill	Bill Triplett	Eddie Triplett	3	68	42	12
Round Mountain	J. E. Caudill	Marie Brown	5	60	50	12
Union	John R. Royall	David Royall	6	90	62	12
Zion	John A. Harrold	Mrs. Archie Williams	4	115	68	12
TOTALS			54	1061	692	

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Ordained ministers	Licentiates	Sat. of Ch. Meeting	Hour of Conference	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Received by Application	Lost by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution	Time of Communion
Austin	Ivan Dameron	B. C. Speaks, Traphill	2		1	7:30	11	5		1	3			93	15.00	July
Bethany	Harvey Mathis	Curtis L. Wood, R2, N. Wilkesboro	1	1	4	2:00	12	3	1		3			112	10.00	July
Double Creek	A. C. Sidden, Arthur Gambill	A. M. Holbrook, Traphill			2	7:30	2				3		1	42	7.00	Aug.
Garden Creek	Charlie Miles	M. C. Brown, Traphill			1	10:00								9	2.50	Aug.
Liberty Knob	Charlie Miles, H. F. Royal	J. N. Royal, Roaring Gap		1	3	2:00	1				2			39	20.00	Aug.
Mining Ridge	R. F. Harrold, Charlie Miles Spencer Norman, R. A. Cox	Cabel Cox, Winston-Salem	2		2	7:30	5			1	2		2	42	15.50	Aug.
Mountain Valley	Arthur Gambill, Birch Handy	J. H. Stamper, McGrady			1	7:30		2						104	10.00	Aug.
New Covenant	Arthur Gambill	T. A. Miles, Hays			3	7:30	2			2	1			111	15.00	Aug.
Oak Level	E. R. Wiles	Robert Barker, Roaring River	2		3	7:30	9	1			2		1	138	12.00	Aug.
Rachel	Thurman Ratliff	Abner Caudill, Roaring River	1		1	2:00		2			2		1	211	13.50	Aug.
Roaring River	Charlie Miles, A. C. Sidden	Walter McBride, Traphill	3		4	7:30	6				4	1		131	15.00	July
Round Hill	L. E. Sparks, Harvey Mathis	Bland Lowe, State Road			2	2:00	5	1			2		1	108	14.30	Aug.
Round Mountain	R. F. Harrold	Ray Blevins, Hays	2		1	7:30		4					2	65	10.00	Aug.
Union	Charlie Miles	Dorothy Royall, Thurmond	1		2	7:30	1				1		2	96	18.00	July
Zion	R. F. Harrold, D. C. Miller	G. E. Dillard, McGrady	3	1	4	2:00	3				1			79	15.00	July
TOTALS			17	3			57	18	1	4	26	1	10	1380	193.80	

RECORD OF PREVIOUS SESSIONS OF ASSOCIATION

No. of Session	CHURCH AT WHICH HELD	MODERATOR	CLERK	CHURCHES RECEIVED OR DISMISSED AND HOW RECEIVED OR DISMISSED	No. Churches Represented
Orgn.	Roaring River	Wm. J. Combs	Leander Johnson	White Oak, Roaring River, New Covenant	3
1869— 1	New Covenant	Wm. J. Combs	Wm. Myers	R. L. Rachel, R. L. Bethany, R. L. Zion	6
1870— 2	Rachel	Wm. J. Combs	Wm. Myers		6
1871— 3	Fishing Creek	Wm. J. Combs	Wm. Myers		7
1872— 4	White Oak	Wm. J. Combs	Wm. Myers	R. L. A. Antioch	7
1873— 5	Zion	Wm. J. Combs	W. F. Porter		6
1874— 6	Bethany	Wm. J. Combs	W. F. Porter	R. L. Liberty Grove	7
1875— 7	Roaring River	Wm. J. Combs	J. S. Holbrook		8
1876— 8	Liberty Grove	Wm. J. Combs	J. S. Holbrook		8
1877— 9	New Covenant	Wm. J. Combs	J. S. Holbrook		8
1878—10	Rachel	Wm. J. Combs	J. S. Holbrook		8
1879—11	White Oak	Wm. J. Combs	J. S. Holbrook		6
1880—12	Roaring River	Wm. J. Combs	J. S. Holbrook	D. L. Fishing Creek	6
1881—13	Zion	Wm. J. Combs	J. S. Holbrook	R. L. Walnut Grove, R. A. Dehart	8
1882—14	New Covenant	Wm. J. Combs	J. S. Holbrook		8
1883—15	Walnut Grove	Wm. J. Combs	J. S. Holbrook		8
1884—16	Liberty Grove	Wm. J. Combs	J. S. Holbrook	R. L. Liberty Knob	8
1885—17	Roaring River	Wm. J. Combs	J. S. Holbrook	R. L. Shady Grove, R. L. Round Mountain	11
1886—18	Dehart	Wm. J. Combs	J. S. Holbrook	R. L. Bethany	11
1887—19	Rachel	Wm. Miles	W. W. Myers	R. L. Bethel	12
1888—20	White Oak	Wm. Miles	W. W. Myers	R. L. Piney Grove, R. L. Round Hill	14
1889—21	Round Mountain	Wm. Miles	W. W. Myers	R. L. Landmark	15
1890—22	Round Hill	Wm. Miles	J. M. Harrold	R. Oak Level	16
1891—23	Zion	Wm. Miles	J. M. Harrold	R. Elkin Valley, D. L. Dehart, D. L. New Covenant	16
1892—24	Liberty Knob	Wm. Miles	J. M. Owens		14
1893—25	Oak Level	Wm. Miles	J. M. Owens	D. L. Landmark	14
1894—26	Elkin Valley	Wm. Miles	J. H. Johnson	D. L. Walnut Grove	12
1895—27	Roaring River	Wm. Miles	J. H. Johnson	R. L. Friendship, D. L. Bethel	12
1896—28	Bethany	Eli Sebastian	J. H. Johnson		11

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1897—29	Round Mountain	Eli Sebastian	G. W. Miles	R. L. Cane Creek	11
1898—30	Rachel	Eli Sebastian	G. W. Miles	R. L. Fair View, Pleasant Grove and Center united by Application, Bethel by Letter	12
1899—31	Friendship	Wm. Miles	G. W. Miles	R. L. Garden Creek	16
1900—32	Bethel	Wm. Miles	G. W. Miles		16
1901—33	Round Hill	Wm. Miles	J. M. Owens	R. L. Oak Grove	17
1902—34	Oak Grove	Eli Sebastian	G. W. Miles		16
1903—35	Center	J. M. Owens	G. W. Miles	R. L. Union Cross The following churches were dismissed to organize a new Association in Surry Co.; Oak Grove, Friendship, Elkin Valley, Union Cross and White Oak	18
1904—36	Liberty Knob	Wm. Miles	G. W. Miles		14
1905—37	Zion	J. M. Owens	G. W. Miles		14
1906—38	Round Hill	J. M. Owens	G. W. Miles		14
1907—39	Oak Level	J. M. Owens	G. W. Miles		14
1908—40	Rachel	J. M. Owens	H. H. Jennings	White Oak?	11-13
1909—41	Roaring River	J. M. Owens	L. D. Lowe		13
1910—42	Round Mountain	Eli Sebastian	G. W. Miles	D. L. Bethel	13
1911—43	Center	Eli Sebastian	G. W. Miles		12
1912—44	Bethany	Eli Sebastian	G. W. Miles		12
1913—45	Zion	Eli Sebastian	J. M. Owens		11-12
1914—46	Roaring River	Eli Sebastian	G. W. Miles		12
1915—47	Liberty Knob	Wm. Miles	G. W. Miles	By application and Letter, New Covenant	13
1916—48	Oak Level	G. W. Miles	C. E. Dimmette	R. L. Double Creek	12-13
1917—49	Rachel	G. W. Miles	C. E. Dimmette		14
1918—50	Round Hill	G. W. Miles	C. E. Dimmette	Association called in on account of influenza	
1919—51	Rachel	G. W. Miles	C. E. Dimmette		13
1920—52	Double Creek	G. W. Miles	A. C. Sidden	R. L. Friendship	15

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No. of Session	CHURCH AT WHICH HELD	MODERATOR	CLERK	CHURCHES RECEIVED OR DISMISSED AND HOW RECEIVED OR DISMISSED	No. Churches Represented
1921—53	Cane Creek	G. W. Miles	A. C. Sidden	Friendship dropped	15
1922—54	New Covenant	G. W. Miles	A. C. Sidden	R. L. Antioch	15
1923—55	Roaring River	G. W. Miles	A. C. Sidden		14
1924—56	Center	G. W. Miles	A. C. Sidden		15
1925—57	Round Mountain	G. W. Miles	C. C. Sidden	R. L. Union; Fair View dissolved	15
1926—58	Garden Creek	G. W. Miles	C. C. Sidden		15
1927—59	Oak Level	G. W. Miles	C. C. Sidden		14
1928—60	Union	G. W. Miles	C. C. Sidden	R. Austin by Letter, newly constituted	15
1929—61	Bethany	G. W. Miles	C. C. Sidden		15
1930—62	Zion	G. W. Miles	C. C. Sidden	R. Union Hill by Letter	17
1931—63	Union Hill	G. W. Miles	C. C. Sidden		17
1932—64	Austin	G. W. Miles	C. C. Sidden	R. L. Mining Ridge from Mitchell River	18
1933—65	Rachel	G. W. Miles	C. C. Sidden		18
1934—66	Round Hill	G. W. Miles	C. C. Sidden	Mountain Valley, newly constituted	19
1935—67	Double Creek	G. W. Miles	C. C. Sidden		19
1936—68	New Covenant	G. W. Miles	C. C. Sidden		18
1937—69	Roaring River	G. W. Miles	C. C. Sidden	Cane Creek withdrawn from	17
1938—70	Bethany	G. W. Miles	A. C. Sidden		18
1939—71	Center	G. W. Miles	A. C. Sidden		18
1940—72	Liberty Knob	D. M. Dillard	A. C. Sidden		17
1941—73	Mining Ridge	D. M. Dillard	A. C. Sidden		17
1942—74	Round Mountain	Charlie Miles	A. C. Sidden	Mt. Zion, A. L.	18
1943—75	Rachael	Charlie Miles	A. C. Sidden		18
1944—76	Oak Level	Charlie Miles	A. C. Sidden		18
1945—77	Union Hill	Charlie Miles	A. C. Sidden		18
1946—78	Austin	A. C. Sidden	Charlie Miles		18
1947—79	Mtn. Valley	A. C. Sidden	Charlie Miles		17
1948—80	Double Creek	A. F. Walker	Charlie Miles		17
1949—81	Roaring River	A. F. Walker	Charlie Miles		17

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No. of Session	CHURCH AT WHICH HELD	MODERATOR	CLERK	CHURCHES RECEIVED OR DISMISSED AND HOW RECEIVED OR DISMISSED	No. Churches Represented
1950—82	Union	G. R. Cox	Charlie Miles		17
1951—83	Round Mountain	G. R. Cox	Charlie Miles		16
1952—84	Rachael	A. C. Sidden	Charlie Miles		16
1953—85	Zion	A. C. Sidden	Charlie Miles	Union Hill dropped	17
1954—86	New Covenant	A. C. Sidden	Charlie Miles	Center dismissed by letter	16
1955—87	Bethany	A. C. Sidden	Charlie Miles		16
1956—88	Mining Ridge	A. C. Sidden	Charlie Miles		16
1957—89	Round Hill	A. C. Sidden	Charlie Miles		15
1958—90	Liberty Knob	R. F. Harrold	Charlie Miles		16
1959—91	Roaring River	R. F. Harrold	Charlie Miles	Antioch, withdrawn from	15
1960—92	Oak Level	R. F. Harrold	Charlie Miles		15

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